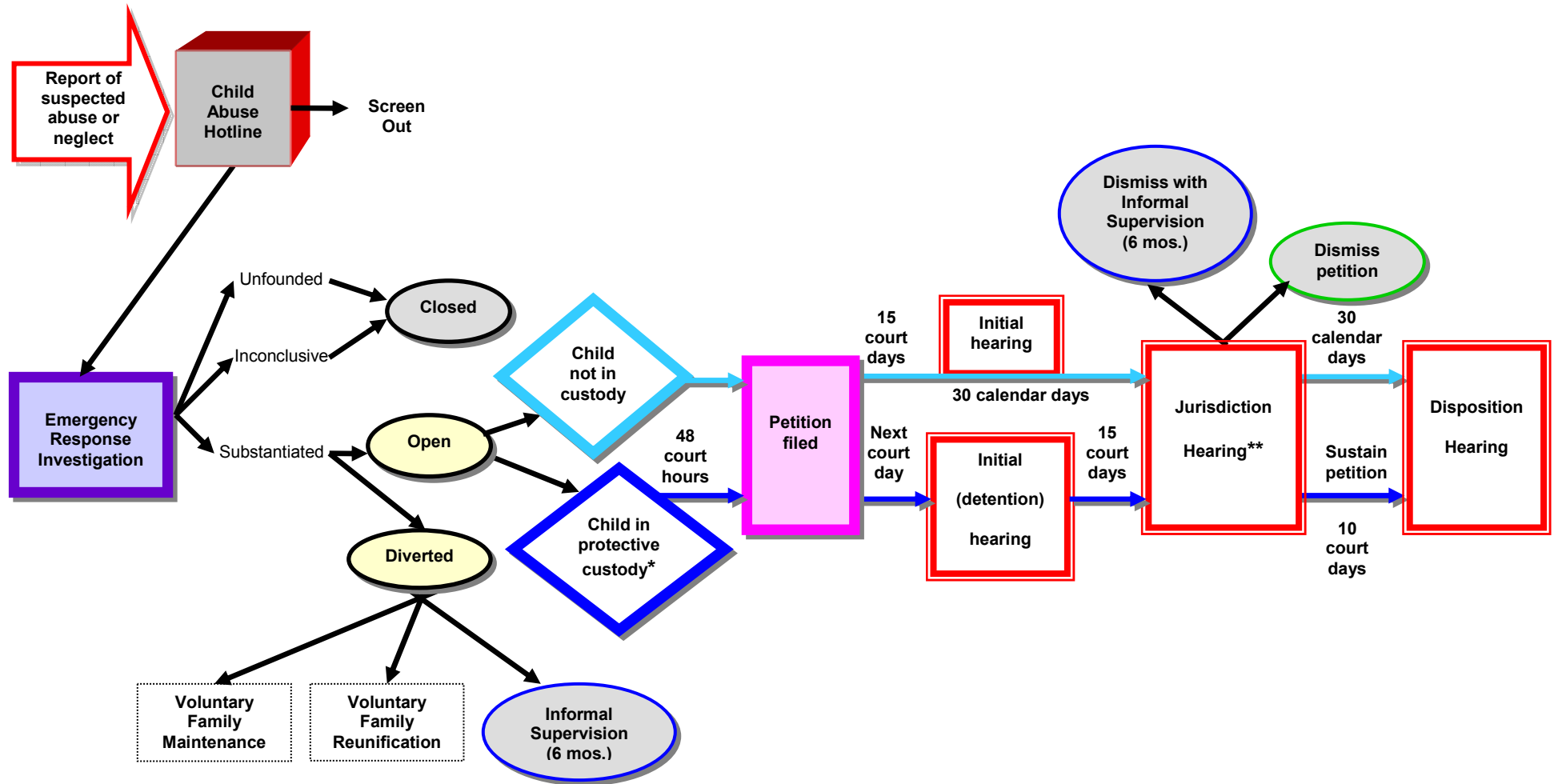


# The Juvenile Dependency Court Process

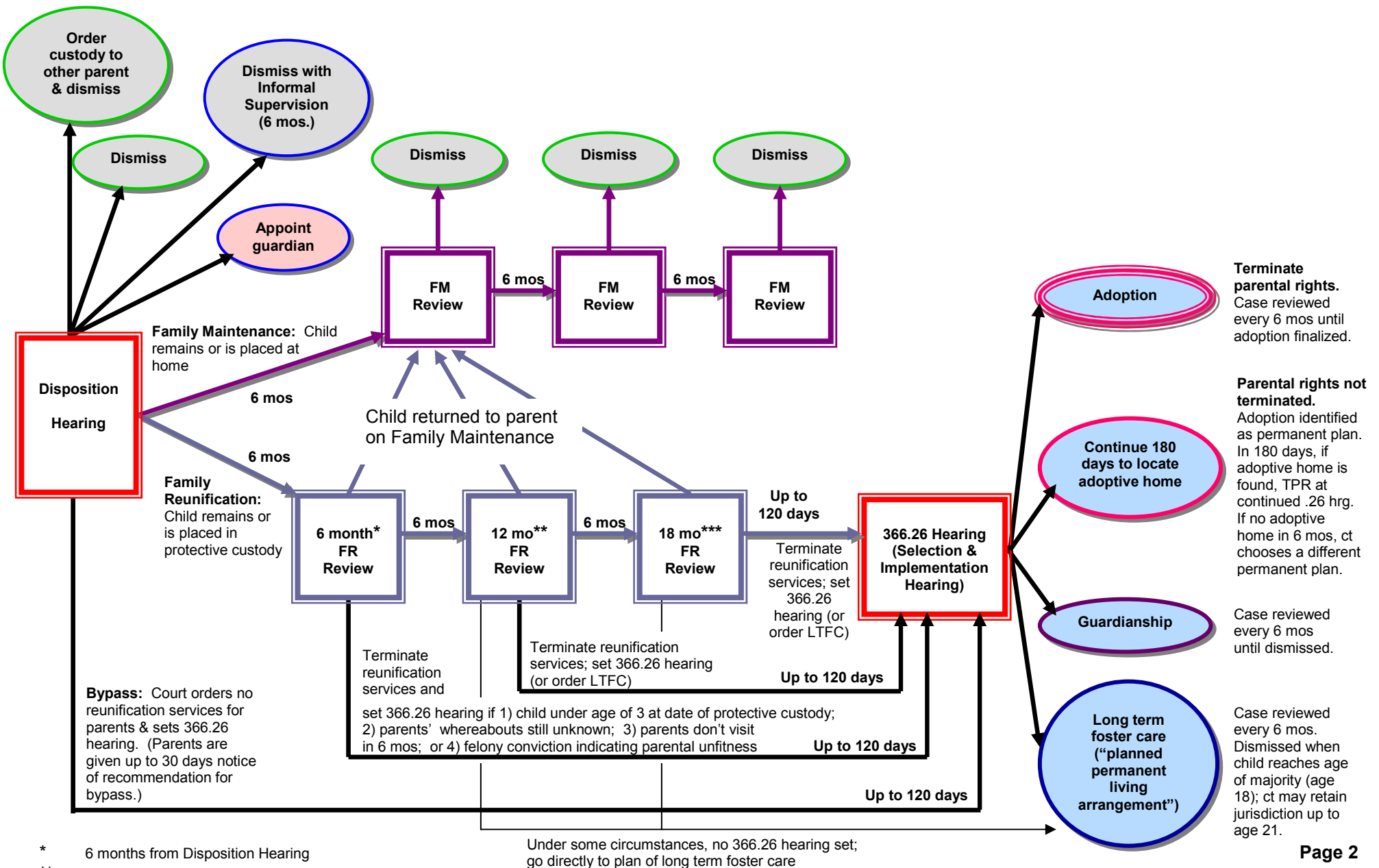


Judge Shawna Schwarz, [sschwarz@scscourt.org](mailto:sschwarz@scscourt.org)  
 Santa Clara County Superior Court  
 April 2009 v.1.9

\* "Date of protective custody" is the date child is physically removed from parent(s)

\*\* **“Date entered foster care”** is a court finding, defined as the date of jurisdiction or 60 days after the date of protective custody, whichever is first

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\* 6 months from Disposition Hearing  
 \*\* 12 months from "date child entered foster care"  
 \*\*\* 18 months from "date of protective custody"; see §366.22(b) for circumstances under which Court can extend reunification services to 24 months

# Disposition: A closer look

